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**ASTM 60° GLOSS  
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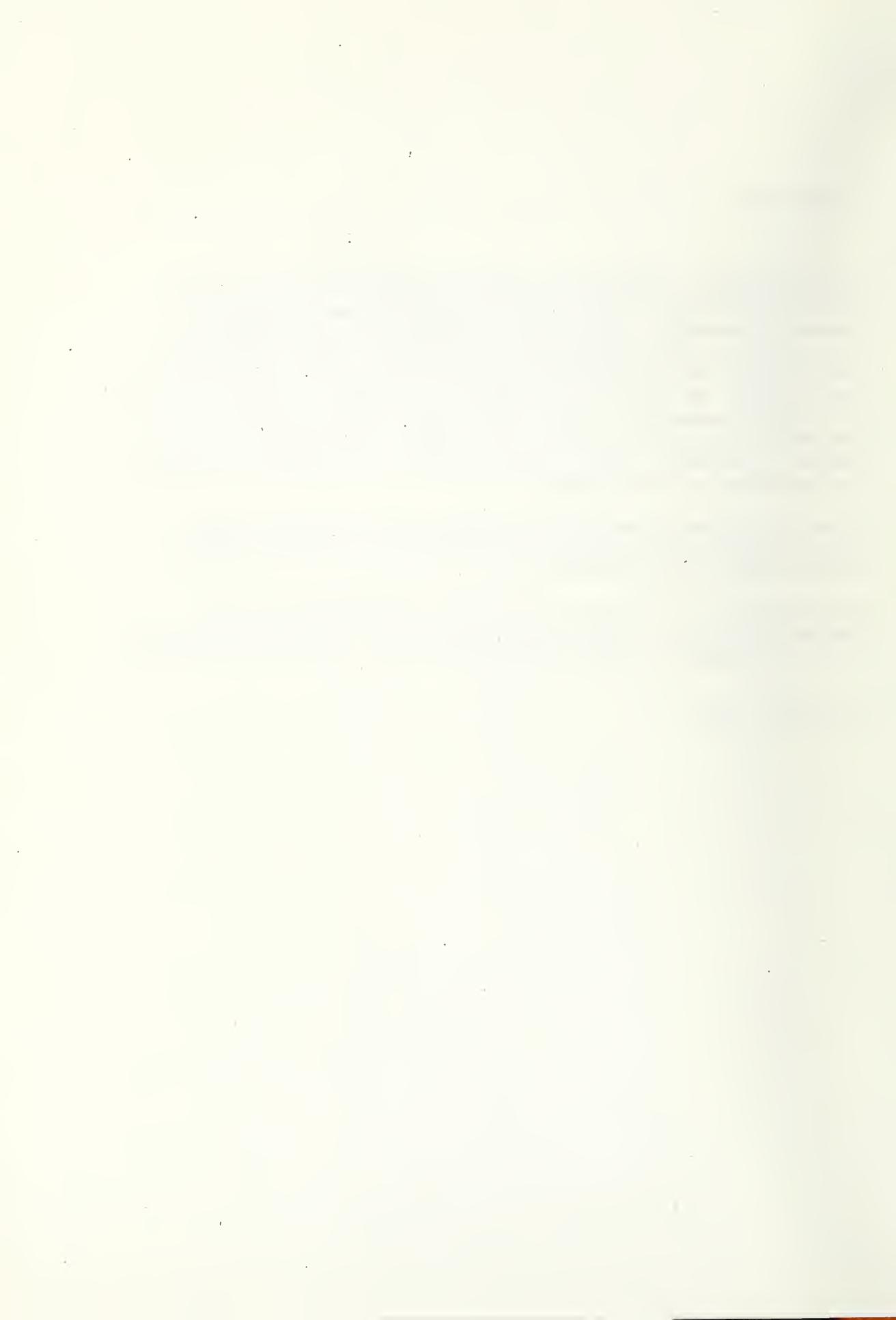
## INTRODUCTION

This Collaborative Reference Program is sponsored jointly by the Manufacturers Council on Color and Appearance and the National Bureau of Standards. Four times per year, gloss chip samples are distributed to each participating laboratory. After the data has been returned to and analyzed by NBS, two reports are sent to each participant. The first, the "preliminary" report, is an individualized report comparing a laboratory's results with the mean of all the results received by the data due date. The second, the "final" report, is a longer report (as illustrated by this report) showing the data from all participants.

A key to the tables and graphs is given on the following pages. Please make special note of the explanation of the "best values" given on page 2 of this report.

If there are any questions on the notes, the analyses, or the reports in general, contact Jeffrey Horlick or Jeffrey Stevenson or Edwin B. Randall on (301) 921-2946.

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## KEY TO TABLES AND GRAPHS

- MEAN - The average of individual TEST DETERMINATIONS. The number of TEST DETERMINATIONS in the mean is given in the upper right corner of the first table (TEST D.) and again at the bottom of this table.
- GRAND MEAN -  
(GR. MEAN) The average of the individual laboratory MEANS, excluding laboratories flagged (see column F) with an X or #.
- DEV - The DEVIATION of difference of the laboratory MEAN from the GRAND MEAN.
- N. DEV - The Normal DEVIATE or ratio of the DEV to the SD OF MEANS; an indication of the degree of divergence of the laboratory MEAN from the GRAND MEAN.
- INST CODE - Code for instrument type or variation in condition, see second table.
- F - Flag, with following meaning:
- # - Excluded because data were not understood or because analysis indicates extreme performance values or non-compliance with required test procedures.
  - X - Excluded because plotted point would fall outside of the 99% error ellipse, (see below for explanation of Graph).
  - \* - Included in grand means but plotted point would fall outside of the 95% error ellipse.
  - 0 - Included in grand mean and inside 95% error ellipse.
- Graph - For each laboratory the MEAN for the second sample is plotted against the MEAN for the first sample, with each point representing a laboratory. The horizontal and vertical lines are the GRAND MEANS. The dashed line is drawn at 45°. The solid sloping line, which may or may not lie close to the 45° line, is along the major axis of the error ellipse. The ellipse is drawn so that, on the average, it will include 95% of the points representing the laboratories.
- The rectangular area represents the  $\pm 5$  percent of magnitude of reading which is the ASTM precision statement for reproducibility for 60° gloss.

Plotted symbols are as explained above (under F). A participant whose plotted point falls outside of the ellipse or the rectangular area should carefully re-examine the testing procedure he is following.

Note: Graphs are plotted with an ellipse when there are 20 or more instruments in the analysis. When there are 10 through 19 instruments in the analysis, the graph will be plotted but ellipses will be omitted. When there are fewer than 10 instruments retained in the analysis, the graph will not be plotted.

Best values -

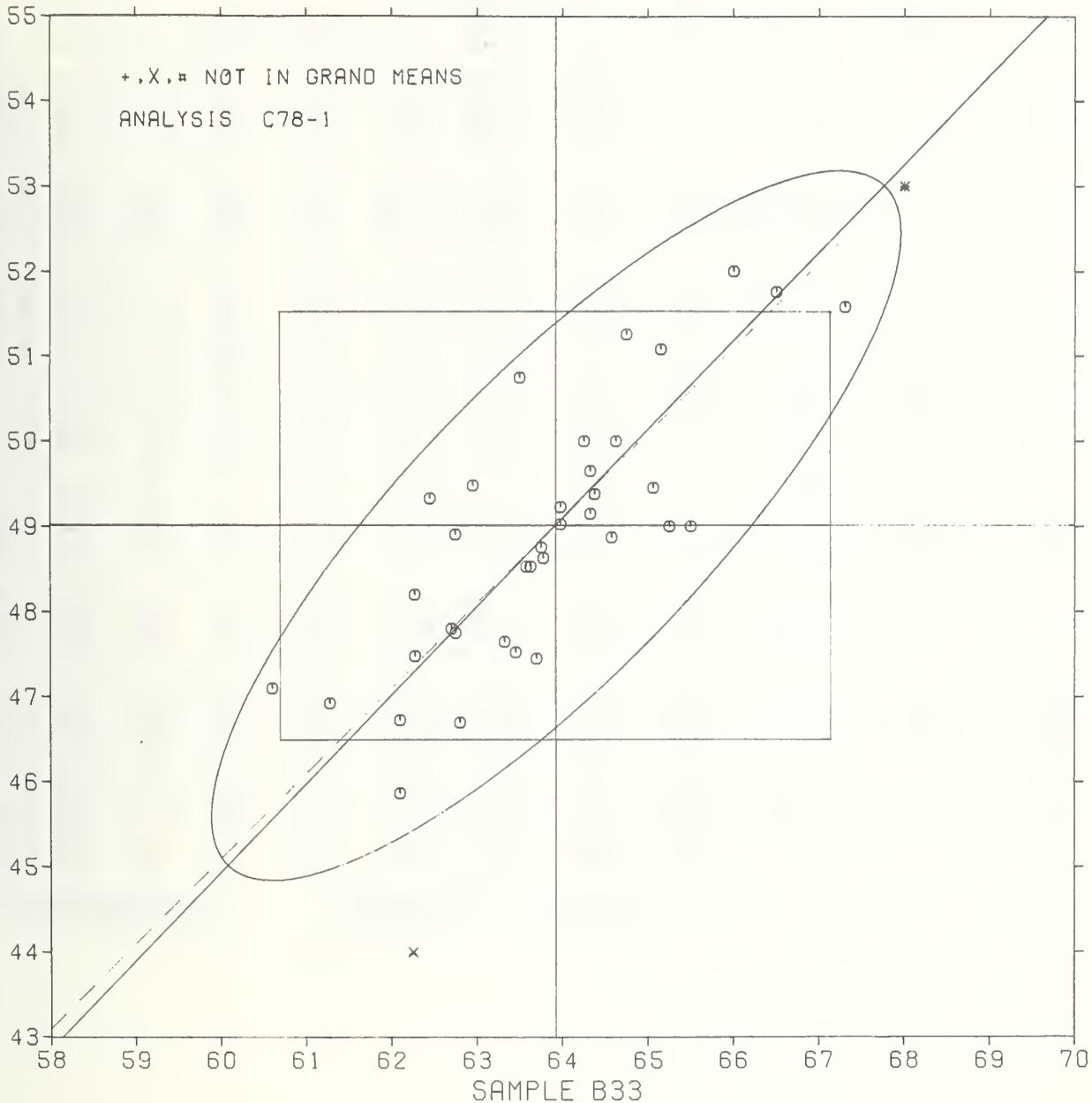
Given at the end of Table 1 for 60° gloss. These values are based on the results obtained by the National Bureau of Standards and the National Research Council of Canada. All participants using equipment that is standard for the analysis should be able to achieve results within the plus-minus (+) limits, which are shown along with the best values.

# ASTM 60-DEGREE GLOSS

SAMPLE B33 = 63.9 GLOSS UNITS    SAMPLE B34 = 49.0 GLOSS UNITS

+.X.\* NOT IN GRAND MEANS  
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SAMPLE B34



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 ANALYSIS C78-1 TABLE 1  
 60-DEGREE GLOSS  
 ASTM METHOD D523

LAB CODE	SAMPLE B33		GLOSS SPECIMENS				SAMPLE B34		GLOSS SPECIMENS				TEST D. # 4		
	MEAN	DEV	N.DEV	SDR	R.SDR	MEAN	DEV	N.DEV	SDR	R.SDR	VAR	F	LAB		
C200	64.62	.71	.45	.38	.63	50.00	.99	.61	.92	1.68	78S	Ø	C200		
C251	65.25	1.33	.85	.50	.84	49.00	-.01	-.01	1.15	2.10	78H	Ø	C251		
C253A	62.75	-1.17	-.75	.61	1.03	48.90	-.11	-.07	.58	1.05	78D	Ø	C253A		
C253B	63.70	-.22	-.14	.20	.34	47.45	-1.56	-.97	.10	.18	78E	Ø	C253B		
C256	63.97	.06	.04	.44	.74	49.22	.21	.13	.61	1.10	78E	Ø	C256		
C281	63.62	-.29	-.19	.66	1.10	48.52	-.49	-.30	.19	.34	78S	Ø	C281		
C410A	66.00	2.08	1.34	.00	.00	52.00	2.99	1.86	.00	.00	78E	Ø	C410A		
C410B	68.00	4.08	2.62	.00	.00	53.00	3.99	2.48	.00	.00	78E	+	C410B		
C410C	65.25	1.33	.85	.50	.84	49.00	-.01	-.01	.00	.00	78E	Ø	C410C		
C417	64.32	.41	.26	.54	.90	49.65	.64	.40	.52	.94	78E	Ø	C417		
C418	63.75	-.17	-.11	.50	.84	48.75	-.26	-.16	.96	1.74	78C	Ø	C418		
C420	62.95	-.97	-.62	.13	.22	49.47	.46	.29	.10	.17	78F	Ø	C420		
C422	62.09	-1.82	-1.17	.90	1.52	45.87	-3.14	-1.95	.48	.88	78S	Ø	C422		
C426	62.45	-1.47	-.54	.66	1.11	49.32	.31	.19	1.09	1.98	78E	Ø	C426		
C427	64.32	.41	.26	.87	1.45	49.15	.14	.09	1.58	2.87	78F	Ø	C427		
C437	61.27	-2.64	-1.70	1.30	2.19	46.92	-2.09	-1.30	.60	1.09	78D	Ø	C437		
C440	63.57	-.34	-.22	.42	.70	48.52	-.49	-.30	.39	.70	78F	Ø	C440		
C444	62.80	-1.12	-.72	.29	.49	46.70	-2.31	-1.44	.58	1.06	78E	Ø	C444		
C445	63.77	-.14	-.09	.32	.54	48.62	-.39	-.24	1.23	2.24	78F	Ø	C445		
C446	64.57	.66	.42	.61	1.02	48.87	-.14	-.08	.35	.64	78S	Ø	C446		
C454	65.06	1.14	.73	.22	.37	49.45	.44	.27	.58	1.06	78E	Ø	C454		
C455	63.32	-.59	-.38	.25	.42	47.65	-1.36	-.85	.26	.48	78F	Ø	C455		
C462	63.97	.06	.04	.28	.46	49.02	.01	.01	.10	.17	78F	Ø	C462		
C467	62.27	-1.64	-1.05	1.19	1.59	47.47	-1.54	-.95	.95	1.73	78D	Ø	C467		
C475	63.50	-.42	-.27	1.00	1.68	50.75	1.74	1.08	.50	.91	78B	Ø	C475		
C477	65.15	1.23	.79	.31	.52	51.07	2.06	1.28	.22	.40	78F	Ø	C477		
C479A	62.27	-1.64	-1.05	.22	.37	48.20	-.81	-.50	.45	.83	78D	Ø	C479A		
C479B	62.70	-1.22	-.78	.36	.60	47.80	-1.21	-.75	.22	.39	78B	Ø	C479B		
C484	65.50	1.58	1.01	.58	.97	49.00	-.01	-.01	.00	.00	78B	Ø	C484		
C494	62.75	-1.17	-.75	1.71	2.87	47.75	-1.26	-.78	.96	1.74	78C	Ø	C494		
C504	64.37	.46	.29	.25	.42	49.37	.36	.23	.75	1.36	78S	Ø	C504		
C506	60.60	-3.32	-2.13	.85	1.42	47.10	-1.91	-1.19	.69	1.25	78E	Ø	C506		
C510	64.75	.83	.53	.96	1.61	51.25	2.24	1.39	.50	.91	78K	Ø	C510		
C517	63.45	-.47	-.30	1.03	1.73	47.52	-1.49	-.92	1.43	2.60	78F	Ø	C517		
C520	53.75	-10.17	-6.52	.87	1.45	42.12	-6.89	-4.28	.48	.87	78K	X	C520		
C531	62.25	-1.67	-1.07	.50	.84	44.00	-5.01	-3.11	2.16	3.93	78C	X	C531		
C538	66.50	2.58	1.66	1.29	2.17	51.75	2.74	1.70	.50	.91	78E	Ø	C538		
C543	64.25	.33	.21	.50	.84	50.00	.99	.61	.00	.00	78I	Ø	C543		
C574	62.10	-1.82	-1.17	.90	1.51	46.72	-2.29	-1.42	.56	1.01	78D	Ø	C574		
C576	67.30	3.38	2.17	.32	.53	51.57	2.56	1.59	.25	.45	78F	Ø	C576		
GR. MEAN =	63.92	GLOSS UNITS		GRAND MEAN =				49.01	GLOSS UNITS		TEST DETERMINATIONS =			4	
SD MEANS =	1.56	GLOSS UNITS		SD OF MEANS =				1.61	GLOSS UNITS		38 LABS IN GRAND MEANS				
AVERAGE SDR =				.60				GLOSS UNITS				AVERAGE SDR =			.55
TOTAL NUMBER OF LABORATORIES REPORTING =													40		

Best Values: B33 64.60 ± 3 gloss units  
 B34 49.44 ± 3 gloss units

MCCA COLLABORATIVE REFERENCE PROGRAM  
ANALYSIS C78-1 TABLE 2  
60-DEGREE GLOSS  
ASTM METHOD D523

LAH CODE	F	MEANS		COORDINATES		AVG		PROPERTY---TEST	INSTRUMENT---CONDITIONS
		H33	H34	MAJOR	MINOR	R.SDR	VAR		
C520	X	53.75	42.12	-12.01	2.56	1.16	78K	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HYK-MALLINKRODT MULTIGLOSS
C506	Ø	50.60	47.10	-3.68	1.07	1.34	78E	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D16 GLOSSMETER
C437	Ø	61.27	46.92	-3.34	.46	1.64	78D	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PRECISION GLOSSMETER
C422	Ø	62.09	45.87	-3.53	-.86	1.20	78S	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, SPECIAL INSTRUMENT
C574	Ø	62.10	46.72	-2.91	-.27	1.26	78D	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PRECISION GLOSSMETER
C531	X	62.25	44.00	-4.77	-2.27	2.38	78C	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PORTABLE GLOSSMETER
C479A	Ø	62.27	48.20	-1.72	.62	.60	78D	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PRECISION GLOSSMETER
C467	Ø	62.27	47.47	-2.25	.12	1.86	78D	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PRECISION GLOSSMETER
C426	Ø	62.45	49.32	-.79	1.28	1.54	78E	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D16 GLOSSMETER
C479H	Ø	62.70	47.80	-1.72	.04	.50	78H	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER MULTIANGLE GLOSSMETER
C253A	Ø	62.75	48.90	-.89	.77	1.04	78D	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PRECISION GLOSSMETER
C494	Ø	62.75	47.75	-1.72	-.03	2.30	78C	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PORTABLE GLOSSMETER
C444	Ø	62.80	46.70	-2.44	-.79	.78	78E	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D16 GLOSSMETER
C420	Ø	62.95	49.47	-.34	1.02	.20	78F	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLOSSMETER
C455	Ø	63.32	47.65	-1.39	-.52	.45	78F	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLOSSMETER
C517	Ø	63.45	47.52	-1.40	-.69	2.16	78F	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLOSSMETER
C475	Ø	63.50	50.75	.96	1.51	1.29	78H	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER MULTIANGLE GLOSSMETER
C440	Ø	63.57	48.52	-.59	-.09	.70	78F	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLOSSMETER
C281	Ø	63.62	48.52	-.55	-.13	.72	78S	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, SPECIAL INSTRUMENT
C253B	Ø	63.70	47.45	-1.28	-.92	.26	78H	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLOSSGARD-60
C418	Ø	63.75	48.75	-.31	-.06	1.29	78C	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER PORTABLE GLOSSMETER
C445	Ø	63.77	48.62	-.38	-.16	1.39	78F	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLOSSMETER
C256	Ø	63.97	49.22	.19	.11	.92	78E	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D16 GLOSSMETER
C462	Ø	63.97	49.02	.05	-.03	.32	78F	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLOSSMETER
C543	Ø	64.25	50.00	.94	.45	.42	78I	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, LOCKWOOD-MCLORIE GLOSSMETER
C427	Ø	64.32	49.15	.38	-.20	2.16	78F	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLOSSMETER
C417	Ø	64.32	49.65	.74	.15	.92	78E	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D16 GLOSSMETER
C504	Ø	64.37	49.37	.58	-.08	.89	78S	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, SPECIAL INSTRUMENT
C446	Ø	64.57	48.87	.36	-.57	.83	78S	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, SPECIAL INSTRUMENT
C200	Ø	64.62	50.00	1.20	.18	1.16	78S	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, SPECIAL INSTRUMENT
C510	Ø	64.75	51.25	2.19	.95	1.26	78K	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HYK-MALLINKRODT MULTIGLOSS
C454	Ø	65.06	49.45	1.11	-.52	.72	78E	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D16 GLOSSMETER
C477	Ø	65.15	51.07	2.34	.54	.46	78F	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLOSSMETER
C410C	Ø	65.25	49.00	.91	-.97	.42	78H	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLOSSGARD-60
C251	Ø	65.25	49.00	.91	-.97	1.47	78H	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLOSSGARD-60
C484	Ø	65.50	49.00	1.09	-1.15	.48	78H	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER MULTIANGLE GLOSSMETER
C410A	Ø	66.00	52.00	3.60	.57	.00	78H	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLOSSGARD-60
C538	Ø	66.50	51.75	3.76	.04	1.54	78H	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLOSSGARD-60
C576	Ø	67.30	51.57	4.19	-.66	.49	78F	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, HUNTER D48 GLOSSMETER
C410B	*	68.00	53.00	5.70	-.18	.00	78H	GLOSS, 60	DEGREE, GARDNER GLOSSGARD-60
GMEANS:		63.92	49.01			1.00			
95% ELLIPSE:				5.54	1.73	WITH GAMMA	=	46	DEGREES

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